

Non-Public Session

April 18, 2022

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Eastman, Roland Theberge, Remillard, Robert Theberge, Berthiaume, Morgan and Morency, Interim City Manager Pamela E. Laflamme and Chief of Police Dan Buteau.

At 6:49p.m., Councilor Roland Theberge moved with a second from Councilor Morgan to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II; (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. So, moved, the motion carried by roll call with all in favor.

Ms. Laflamme advised AVH as offered to sell to the City, the Cates Hill radio tower for \$1.00 which is the amount they purchased it from Fraser in 2008. AVH will be removing their equipment from the tower. The equipment that will be left belongs to different departments of the City of Berlin (Police, Fire, Water Works, Berlin EMS and Milan EMS). AVH currently has a lease agreement for the land where the tower is located. The lease was recently renewed and is for 5 years at a cost of \$6,000/year. There is a clause in the agreement stating the lease agreement transfers automatically to the new tower owner if sold. Ms. Laflamme is addressing Council to see if they would entertain purchasing the tower.

Chief Buteau commented a new tower has been in the PD's capital improvement plan for several years and the cost of a new tower is approximately \$175,000. Mayor Grenier commented he would be more comfortable with a 10-year lease agreement which would give the City more time to plan the purchase of a new tower. Chief Buteau stated if the tower is sold to someone else, it may leave the City in a tough position. Mayor Grenier asked Chief Buteau to discuss with the land owners the possibility of a 10-year lease agreement.

At 7:13pm, Councilor Roland Theberge moved to come out of Non-Public session, Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Councilor Berthiaume moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session until the Council sees fit, as releasing them would render the action taken ineffective; Councilor Remillard seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Rioux

Executive Assistant

*Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the City Council by motion.